INTERVIEW SUMMARY Work Assignment ES002 Lower Darby Creek Area Site

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Interview Summary Edward P. Mullen, Jr.

Name:

Edward P. Mullen (WITNESS)



Affiliation:

Former Employee Tri -County Hauling

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Type of Interview:
Date of Interview:

In-Person

October 4, 2001

On July 24, 2001, the WITNESS was interviewed at his residence by the potentially responsible of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. This interview was not tape-recorded. The following individuals were also present and participated in this interview.

- Jeff Martin: Attorney representing Browning Ferris Industries (BFI).
- Brian Nishitani: Attorney for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III. (USEPA).
- Carlyn Prisk: Civil Investigator for the USEPA, Region III.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown a map of the Folcroft Landfill area and this map was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he worked for Tri-County Hauling from about 1968 to 1976 as a mechanic. He stated that his primary job was to provide maintenance and repair to the vehicles operated by Tri-County Hauling. The WITNESS explained that Tri-County Hauling was a waste transportation Company that serviced commercial customers. He indicated that Tri-County Hauling did not pick up residential waste.

When asked where Tri-County Hauling disposed of the waste picked up from commercial customers, the WITNESS stated that all of the waste picked up by Tri-County Hauling was

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transported to and disposed at the Folcroft Landfill during the time period the Folcroft Landfill was open.

When asked if he worked at the Landfill the WITNESS stated no. The WITNESS explained that Tri-County Hauling was separate from the Folcroft Landfill and he only performed work relating to Tri-County Hauling.

When asked where Tri-County Hauling was located the WITNESS stated that Tri-County Hauling operated out of a building located on the south side of Calcon Hook road at the entrance to the Folcroft Landfill. He described the Tri-County facility as a building with an office in the front and a garage in the back. He stated that vehicle maintenance and repair for Tri-County Hauling was performed in this garage.

The WITNESS was asked to describe the types and number of trucks Tri-County Hauling operated, the WITNESS stated that Tri-County Hauling had about 15-20 trucks. He described them as rear-end loader trash trucks. When asked if Tri-County Hauling owned and used roll-off containers, the WITNESS stated yes. When asked the number of roll-off containers used by Tri-County Hauling, the WITNESS stated that he could not recall. When asked if the number of roll-off containers was more that 10, the WITNESS stated yes. When asked if the number of containers was less that 100, the WITNESS stated yes.

The WITNESS was asked if Tri-County Hauling provided customers with the roll-off containers, the WITNESS stated yes. When asked the names and locations of the customers that utilized the Tri-County Hauling roll-off containers, the WITNESS stated that he could not recall.

When asked if the Tri-County Hauling building was where the trucks were stopped before entering the Folcroft Landfill to dispose of their waste, the WITNESS stated no. The WITNESS stated that there was a "shack" or "Lean-to" located across from the Tri-County building. He indicated that all trucks entering the Folcroft Landfill were required to stop at this shack.

The WITNESS stated that an employee from the Folcroft Landfill was stationed at this shack and that a slip was filled out for each truck entering the Folcroft Landfill. He indicated that he believed this slip would have the name of the transporter and the size of the truck. He indicated that this information was taken to the Tri-County office and a bill for the transporter was generated from the information on this slip.

When asked the names of the individuals that worked at the shack and filled out the slips, the WITNESS stated that he could not recall. When asked if he had ever worked at this shack, the WITNESS stated no.

When asked if the individual that filled out the slips at the shack inspected the waste, the WITNESS stated that he did not believe so. The WITNESS stated that he believed the amount charged for each truck was based on the size of the truck.

When asked if the employees at the shack refused to accept any type of waste the WITNESS stated that he believed any type of waste was accepted and he does not recall any trucks being refused on the Folcroft Landfill because of the type of waste.

When asked where the records relating to the slips filled out for each truck entering the Folcroft Landfill are located, the WITNESS stated that he does not know. When asked the location of any records relating to the Tri-County Hauling or the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.

When asked if the Folcroft Landfill and Tri-County Hauling was owned by the same individual, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that both Folcroft and Tri-County Hauling were owned by Bernie McNickle and that both the Folcroft Landfill and Tri-County Hauling was managed by Ed P. Mullen Sr.

The WITNESS was asked if he ever worked on the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated no. The WITNESS stated that he was the vehicle mechanic for Tri-County Hauling and spent most of his time in the Tri-County Hauling garage. When asked if he ever went to the Folcroft Landfill to repair Landfill vehicles the WITNESS stated that he recalls going to the Landfill on a few occasions to work on one of the bulldozers. When asked to describe the vehicles operated on the Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- One bulldozer of unknown size.
- One compactor bulldozer

When asked if the Folcroft Landfill also operated a crane, the WITNESS stated that he recalls a crane at the Landfill at some time but was unable to provide a description or recall the time period the crane was operating at the Landfill.

When asked the names of any employees at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he recalls an individual named "Sqwigy". He did not know this individuals full or correct name.

When asked if he recalled a Robert "Bobby" Williams working on the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he recalls a Bobby Williams who "Ran" the Tri-County shop. When asked if this Bobby Williams operated the crane on the Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he could have.

When asked the locations that Tri-County Hauling picked up waste and transported the waste to the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Crown, Cork and Seal Company: The WITNESS stated that this company was located in the area of the Skuylkill Expressway and Belmont Avenue in Philadelphia. He stated that this company manufactured tin cans. He did not know what type of waste was picked up at this location. He stated that he did not know how often waste from this Company was disposed of at the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall the names of any other companies or locations that Tri-County Hauling picked up waste from.

When asked if Tri-County Hauling picked up incinerator ash from the Delaware County incinerator the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that Tri-County Hauling had about three dump trucks that were used to load ashes from the incinerator and transport the ashes to the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that the incinerator operated on a 24-hour basis and that these trucks were continuously transporting this ash to the Landfill.

When asked the names of any other transporters that disposed of waste at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Charles Crawly: The WITNESS stated that this was the name of a trash company and that he recalls trucks from this company disposing of waste on the Landfill. He could not describe the trucks from this company or the names of any of the drivers. He stated that he did not know the types of trash Crawly disposed of at the Folcroft Landfill.

The witness stated that he could not recall the names of any other transporters that disposed of waste at the Folcroft Landfill. The witness was asked if Eastern Industrial disposed of waste at the Folcroft Landfill. The witness stated that he had heard of Eastern Industrial however, he did not know if Eastern Industrial disposed of waste at the Folcroft Landfill.

The Witness was asked if Marvin Jonis Waste Removal transported waste to the Folcroft Landfill. The witness stated that he did not know.

The witness was asked the names of individuals that worked in the office at Tri-County Hauling. The Witness provided the following.

- Frank Schnofer (unknown correct spelling): The witness stated that this individual is deceased.
- John Danks: The witness stated that this individual is deceased.
- Rudy Gaines: The witness stated that this individual is deceased.
- Thomas Dugan: The witness stated that this individual is deceased.
- Napoleon Galdamire (unknown correct spelling): The Witness did not know the whereabouts of this individual.

The Witness was asked if he was still working for Tri-County Hauling when the Folcroft Landfill closed. The witness stated yes and indicated that the Landfill closed sometime prior to 1976 and that Tri-County Hauling was still operating out of the garage on Calcon Hook Road after the Landfill closed.

The witness further stated that after the Folcroft Landfill closed Tri-County Hauling transported waste to the Kinsley Landfill in New Jersey.

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The witness stated that in about 1975 Tri-County Hauling was purchased by SCA Services, the witness believed this is Service Corporation of America. The Witness stated that he was hired by Ace Service Company shortly after SCA purchased Tri-County Hauling.

The Witness stated that in about 1995 Ace Service Company was purchased by BFI.

The witness stated that SCA Services was purchased by Waste Management. He did not know when this purchase occurred.

"I declare under penalty of perjury t	hat the foregoing is true and correct."
Executed on	Signed
(Date)	Ed P. Mullen

Interviewer's Comments and Suggested Follow-up Interviews

<u>Interviewer Comments:</u> Mr. Mullen is the son of Ed P. Mullen, Sr. who according to Mr. Mullen was the manager of Tri-County Hauling and the Folcroft Landfill. Mr. Mullen, Jr. is currently employed by BFI as the District Maintenance Manager for the BFI Port Richmond District, 3000 East Hedley Street, Philadelphia, PA 19137.

Mr. Mullen was not forthcoming during this interview.

Mullen, Jr. was very involved and knowledgeable of the Folcroft Landfill operation.

(b) (7)(A) had advised me that Ed Mullen Sr. relied on Mullen Jr. to assist him in the day to day management of the Landfill as well as the Tri-County Hauling.

Mullen, Jr. operated the bulldozer on the Landfill on numerous occasions.

Mr. Mullen is intelligent and articulate and apparently decided to "recall" as little as possible.

<u>Suggested follow-up Interviews:</u> Mr. Mullen provided the names of individuals that are deceased. However, I will follow-up on these names to confirm that this information is accurate.

Mr. Mullen mentioned a Charles Crawly Company as a transporter and I will attempt to identify driver for this Company.

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